

**Subject: Sheldon Marsh**

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Dear Sirs:

This letter is in regards to the Barnes Nursery/Sheldon Marsh irrigation channel that Mr. Barnes constructed without regard for the wetlands. I have only known of and been visiting the Marsh for about two years now, since I moved to Huron. In that time I have peacefully jogged many miles, enjoyed the innumerable sounds of birds and frogs, seen my first snake and an entire family of turtles sunning themselves on rocks. I try to visit there at least once a week and each time I find myself stopping and starrng at something new. This last week it was a rather large, bright red Cardinal perched on a bush near the field pond. Let me tell you, this thing was *fat*. And the snake I saw this summer, well actually I've seen two (one in the water and one not), scared me to death. I was jogging along and was wondering why there was a day-glow orange power extension cord next to the path. Then I realized it was a snake. The point is i s that Sheldon Marsh is like no other natural place I've ever seen. In all my life of living just 20 miles away from Huron I never knew that such a beautiful place existed. And now that place I have come to know and love is being severely threatened by a man who's only concern seems to be his pocketbook. I even heard at my Biology class at Firelands College (BGSU) that he wanted to make the ditch big enough for his small boat. What ever the real reason, I firmly believe that Mr.. Barnes' business should not take precedent over the health and lively hood of such a precious and rare piece of nature. Please continue to support the marsh and deny Mr. Barnes' applications for the ditch and make him restore the damage he has already caused.

Thank you,

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